



**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

Supervisor Ken Fletcher called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Ken Fletcher and Clerk Mary Clark

Members Absent: Trustee Karen Mojica and Lt. Jeff Campbell, Delta Patrol

Others Present: Township Manager Richard Watkins, Deputy Township Manager Jen Roberts, Fire Chief John Clark, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Roman and Finance Director Jeff Anderson

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

III. SET/ADJUST AGENDA –

No adjustments to the agenda were made.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION –

1. Eaton County Sheriff's Department Contract –

Richard Watkins reported on a meeting he had with John Fuentes with regard to extending the Eaton County Sheriff's Department contract, which expires on December 31st, 2014. Per Richard, Mr. Fuentes feels that the County Board is comfortable and supportive of the agreement, and that he is willing to take the contract back to the Board for renewal, as is, for another ten year term. Richard plans to speak with the Lt. Campbell on Monday, August 26th to see if he has any issues, or anything that he would like to see changed. If Lt. Campbell is supportive of the contract, Richard will ask Mr. Fuentes to start moving it through the County's approval process.

A discussion with regard to diversity training also took place. Richard stated that he is hesitant to include any training issues in the agreement based on past legal actions, which have involved the Sheriff's Department and Delta Township, and that he would make it clear to Eaton County that this is our anticipation.

Jeff Anderson stated that the Sheriff's Department has done a good job containing their costs, which have been flat for the past four years.

All agreed that after Richard talks with Lt. Campbell, barring any objections/changes, he should proceed with the contract renewal process.

2. Looking Glass Regional Authority –

Richard reported that he and Jeff Anderson have been meeting with Looking Glass with regard to the budget for the coming year. He reported the actual computation in the agreement shows a 7 ½% increase for Looking Glass, which they are not happy with.

Mary Clark asked if the 7 ½% was based on call volume, or if there was an easy way to explain the formula.

Jeff Anderson explained that the formula was the direct cost to run the operation, plus 20%, minus \$110,000. He indicated the sticky point for Looking Glass is the \$110,000 (the estimated ambulance revenue). We are at about \$140,000. The difference of \$30,000 is in question. A discussion on possible expenditures and how to split the savings ensued. Jeff also stated that now that we have some facts, he thinks they can hammer out a formula, so that we don't have to do this every year. He hopes to get this done in the next couple months.

Richard stated that he is hoping they will meet somewhere in the middle.

Ken stated that it is important to find a way that is agreeable to all sides, that everyone feels is working, and are getting a benefit from.

A discussion on regionalism, services, operations, and how smooth things are currently running ensued.

Also discussed was regionalism with regard to the City of Lansing. Chief Clark provided an overview of where the regionalism process currently stands. Mary Clark made it clear that this needs to come back to the Board for a vote. Richard stated that he has seen some benefits from the meetings, i.e., MABAS and the Blue Card Training, but Lansing seems to want to push it over the top really quick, which isn't going to happen.

Ken mentioned that he wants to make sure we aren't made to look like the stumbling blocks for progress, and that we need to show the community where the real benefits and savings will come from. Richard stated that it isn't getting out of control at all, and he doesn't feel Delta Township will look like a stumbling block. He also stated that things are going quite well.

3. Fire Department Stats –

Chief Clark provided a hand-out with the Fire Department stats to the committee members, and stated that they were self explanatory. He also stated that runs are up and they are handling them well.

A discussion with regard to Eaton and Ingham County 911 dispatching problems, fire department vehicle locations, and copies of vehicle titles also took place.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.